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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-10 and 20, drawn to an RFID device with interconnect to IC, classified in class 343, subclass 720.
 - II. Claims 11-19, drawn to a method of manufacturing and attaching an RFID IC utilizing a parts handling system, classified in class 29, subclass 600.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

2. Inventions II and I are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make another and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP § 806.05(f)). In the instant case the utilization of a parts handling system to process the RFID and IC need not be performed to make the product recited in Claims 1-10 and 20. The product requires no such system in order to make the RFID and its interconnect. It merely requires an interconnect from the RFID IC to an external antenna through a cable, connector, etc., without any parts handling system.
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael C. Wimer whose telephone number is (571) 272-1833. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

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